

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE (C.B.C.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2025**  
**2023 ADMISSIONS SUPPLEMENTARY**  
**SEMESTER II - CORE COURSE HISTORY**  
**HY2C02B23 - Understanding Early India**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

**Part A**

**I. Answer any Ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks****(10x2=20)**

1. Examine the evidence used to determine the existence of foreign trade in the Indus Valley Civilization.
2. What is Bhimbetka caves famous for?
3. Explain the significance of Robert Bruce Foote to Indian prehistory.
4. Explain the term 'Sapta Sindhu'.
5. Mention the importance of 'Aranyakas'.
6. Mention the types of pottery discovered during the Vedic age.
7. Name the major dynasties ruled over Tamilakam during Sangam period.
8. Name the important pillars of Buddhism.
9. Who was Rudradaman I and name the inscription which gave information about his rule?
10. Which were the inscriptions used to get a detailed history of the Mauryans?
11. What is the importance of Pattadakal site?
12. Who was Gautamiputra Sathakami?

**Part B**

**II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks****(6x5=30)**

13. Give an account on the development of art during the stone ages.
14. Highlight the characteristics of the Indus seals and the Indus script.
15. Examine the religious beliefs of the people of the Indus Valley Civilization.
16. Describe briefly the Sanskrit Epics of the Aryans.
17. Discuss the concepts of Jati and Varna.
18. Discuss the major pottery traditions of Ancient India.
19. What were the main doctrines of Mahavira?
20. What is meant by Ashoka Dhamma?
21. Illustrate the significance of the land grants during Gupta period.

**Part C**

**III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks****(2x15=30)**

22. Highlight the important Indus sites with its archaeological findings.
23. Give an account of the importance of Vedic literature in Indian History.
24. Examine the early Tamil Literature and polity.
25. Evaluate the effectiveness of Mauryan governance in maintaining control over a vast and diverse empire.